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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]1. Naval Command in Black Sea

1. Naval Command in the Black Sea: The Black Sea is divided into two "maritime divisions". The first division runs from the Turkish frontier to the Strait of Kerch; location of its headquarters is not known. The second division runs from the Strait of Kerch to the Bulgarian Frontier and includes the Sea of Azov, its headquarters is at Mariupol. Also located at Mariupol is a school for naval officers. These maritime divisions have both territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the units assigned to the surveillance of the coast or to dredging. The fleet is independent. The center of gravity of maritime activity in the Black Sea appears to have been shifted from the Crimea toward the Sea of Azov.

2. Odessa

- a. Security: Vessels which approach Odessa are inspected by the police opposite Cape Tendra. At that time, field glasses and photographic equipment are placed in the radio shack, which is then locked and sealed and remains under the guard of the Soviet police during the vessel's stay in port. Crews are not authorized to go ashore except to the Soviet sailors' center. The captain, the quartermaster, and the ship's trade union delegate are authorized to circulate a little more freely but nevertheless are watched closely.
- b. Defense: One battery of 3 X 150 mm is located on a hill near the port.

Baltic Sea3. Installations in the Tallinn Area (see Attachment A)

- a. Freedom of movement in the Tallinn area is more restricted than in the spring of 1948. MVD and militia units have been increased. The port quarter especially is watched. On the other hand, other military units have not been changed noticeably.

- b. A number of new constructions are under way on the Kopli and

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Paljassaare peninsulas, including a group of two- and three-story buildings. To the south, toward Tallinn, barracks are being built; a dozen, each for one battalion, are nearly completed. North of Paljassaare, the works are still under construction.

- c. Works appear to be under construction on the northern banks of the Vaana and Todva Rivers (southwest and south of Tallinn). There are one or two concrete shelters per kilometer; these shelters have no windows or loopholes but have a door two meters long and ventilation chimneys, have walls about one to two meters thick, and are armed only on the north side. They are well camouflaged and are connected with normal roads by roads which are passable only to tracked vehicles. (See Attachment B.)
- d. Port of Paljassaare-Kopli: The new port (miinisadam) is to be extended. Dredging to six meters has been carried out and a quay one kilometer long with warehouses and docks is being built. A mole about 300 meters long will protect the port on the north. The railroad connecting Tallinn with Paljassaare has a branch line to the new quay. Administrative buildings and streets are under construction along the Bay of Kopli. Three anti-aircraft batteries (4 x 80-85mm each) have been installed on the peninsula. A green light which flashes every four seconds has been installed on the northeast point.

#### 4. Coast defenses of Tallinn (See Attachment C.)

(This information was obtained from persons from villages and regions evacuated since the construction of the defenses.)

All this part of the coast and the islands are severely restricted.

- a. Suurupi: Two batteries of 2 x 203mm guns in casemates on the site of former Estonian works.
- b. Kakumae: One battery of 11 x 150mm guns.
- c. Naissaar: On the northern extremity, four guns of about 400mm (?) in separate casemates, with range of about 30 kms. The group is in contact with the batteries at Porkkala. On the southwest coast, two 150mm pieces. Direction of fire: only toward the sea.
- d. Aegna Island: Two batteries of heavy artillery, consisting of two pieces each. Direction of fire: all azimuths.
- e. Leppneeme: Two 180mm pieces.
- f. Randvere: Two 150mm pieces north of the village. To the south, two other pieces appear to have been dismantled, along with other installations near the former village of Aiaotsa.
- g. Aiaotsa: The village has disappeared, replaced by important military constructions of unknown purpose. These constructions, covering an area of one square kilometer, are of concrete and iron and are reported with certainty to be underground; they may be munitions depots or V-weapon launching ramps. Rails go down obliquely into a tunnel oriented toward the northwest.

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5. Western Coast of Estonia

- a. Rooslepa - Dirhami (northwest tip of Estonia): A coast battery of 2 x 180mm in casemates has been installed between the two villages, 1.5 km north of Rooslepa. Two stone barracks are located behind it, one of which is at present occupied by about 90 artillerymen. The surrounding woods have been cut. (See Attachment D, Sketch No. 1.)
  - b. Vormsi Island (between Haapsalu and Hiiumaa): According to the reports of fishermen, there are two batteries of two pieces each on the northern part of the island, opposite the villages of Saksby and Kärsläti. Their caliber is not known; their range is about 17 kms. (See Attachment D, Sketch No. 2.)
  - c. Rohuküla (southwest of Haapsalu): There is active rail traffic, consisting of construction materials, toward this small port. Access to the region has been under surveillance since summer 1948. There are no coastal batteries between Rohuküla and Haapsalu.
  - d. Virtsu (opposite Muhu island, northeast of Saaremaa): This is a small port serving traffic with the islands. Access is authorized only with a pass. Southwest of the town is a battery of 2 x 150mm without turrets. The crew of about 30 men is quartered nearby. According to the local population, there may be a battery on the southeast point of Muhu Island, south of the village of Voiküla. (See Attachment D, Sketch No. 3.)
6. Fleet at Tallinn: Only small units are in the roadstead at Tallinn. According to local inhabitants, the fleet has been on maneuvers, especially in the southern Baltic, since the end of August 1948. Identified in the port: two submarines, a flotilla of torpedo boats, and one large German vessel of the "Nurnberg" heavy cruiser class (sic). The last-named vessel is undergoing transformation at present and is destined to become a naval training ship. [REDACTED] Comment: The "Nurnberg" itself was previously reported to be at Tallinn.) 25X1A
7. Leningrad: New concrete ~~dikes~~ <sup>piers</sup> are under construction and rails and mobile cranes are being installed. Identified in the military port: three fast German patrol boats (vedettes) of type S-13.

Miscellaneous

8. Murmansk: The maritime shipyards repair only small coasting vessels.
9. Makhach Kala (Caspian Sea): A particularly tight control is exercised over vessels entering or leaving the port.

Attachments:

- A. Sketch map of new construction in the Tallinn-Kopli-Paljassaare area.
- B. Two sketches showing location and type of concrete shelters SW of Tallinn.
- C. Sketch map of coast defenses in the Tallinn area.
- D. Three sketch maps of defenses at Rooslepa, Vormsi, and Virtsu.

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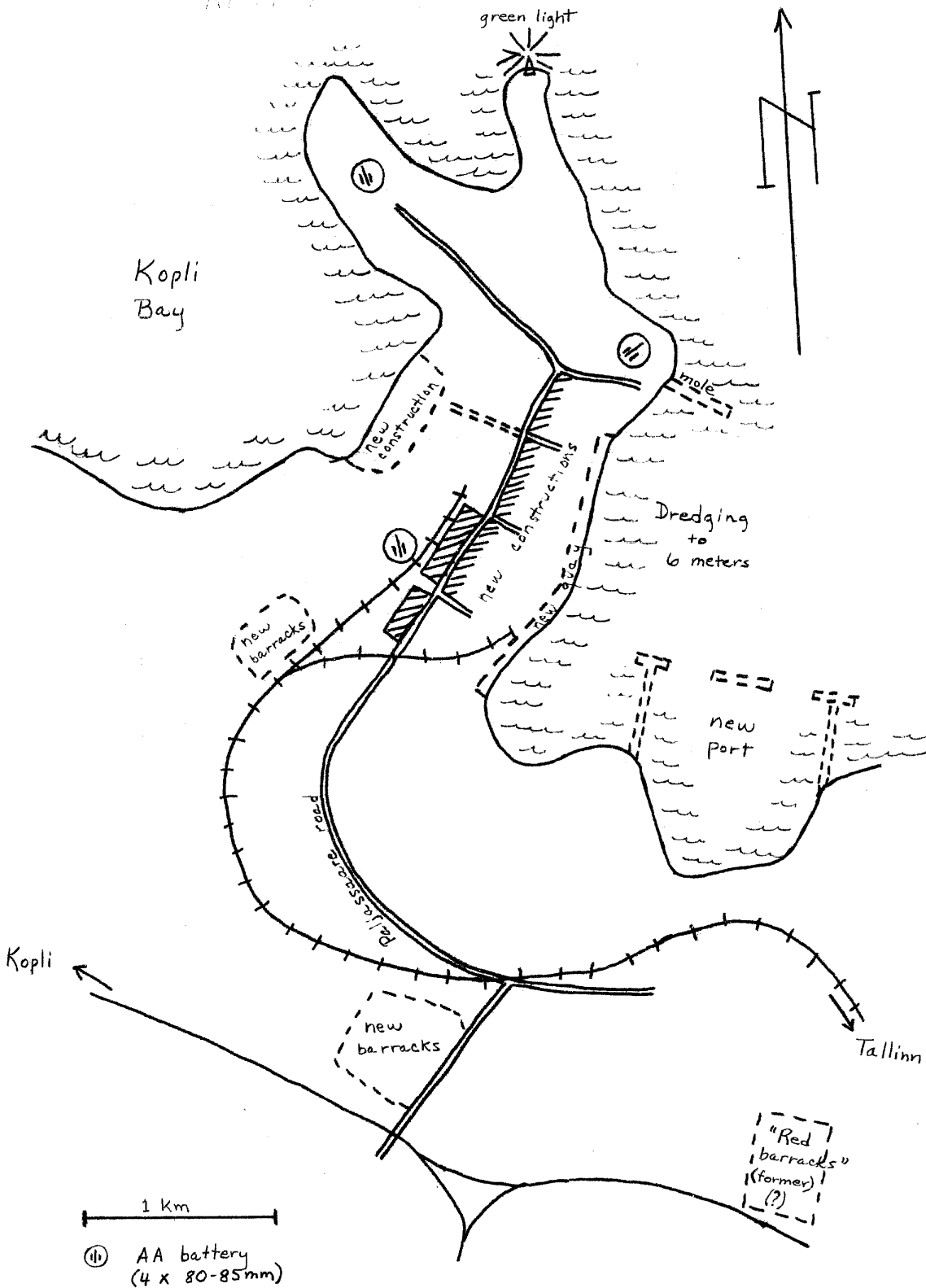
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Attachment A

ATTACHMENT A: NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE TALLINN-PALJASSAARE-KOPLI AREA



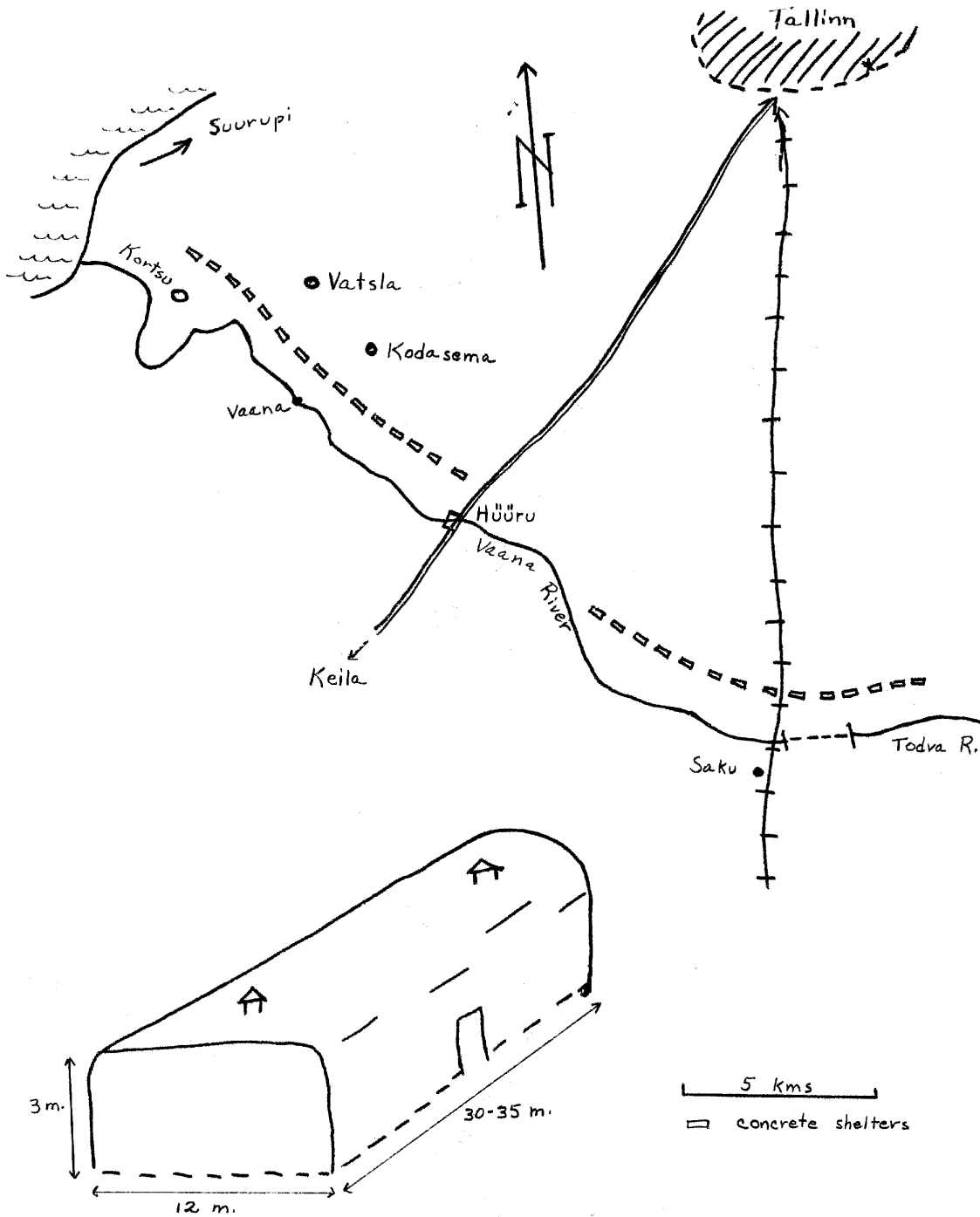
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Attachment B

ATTACHMENT B: CONCRETE SHELTERS SOUTHWEST OF TALLINN



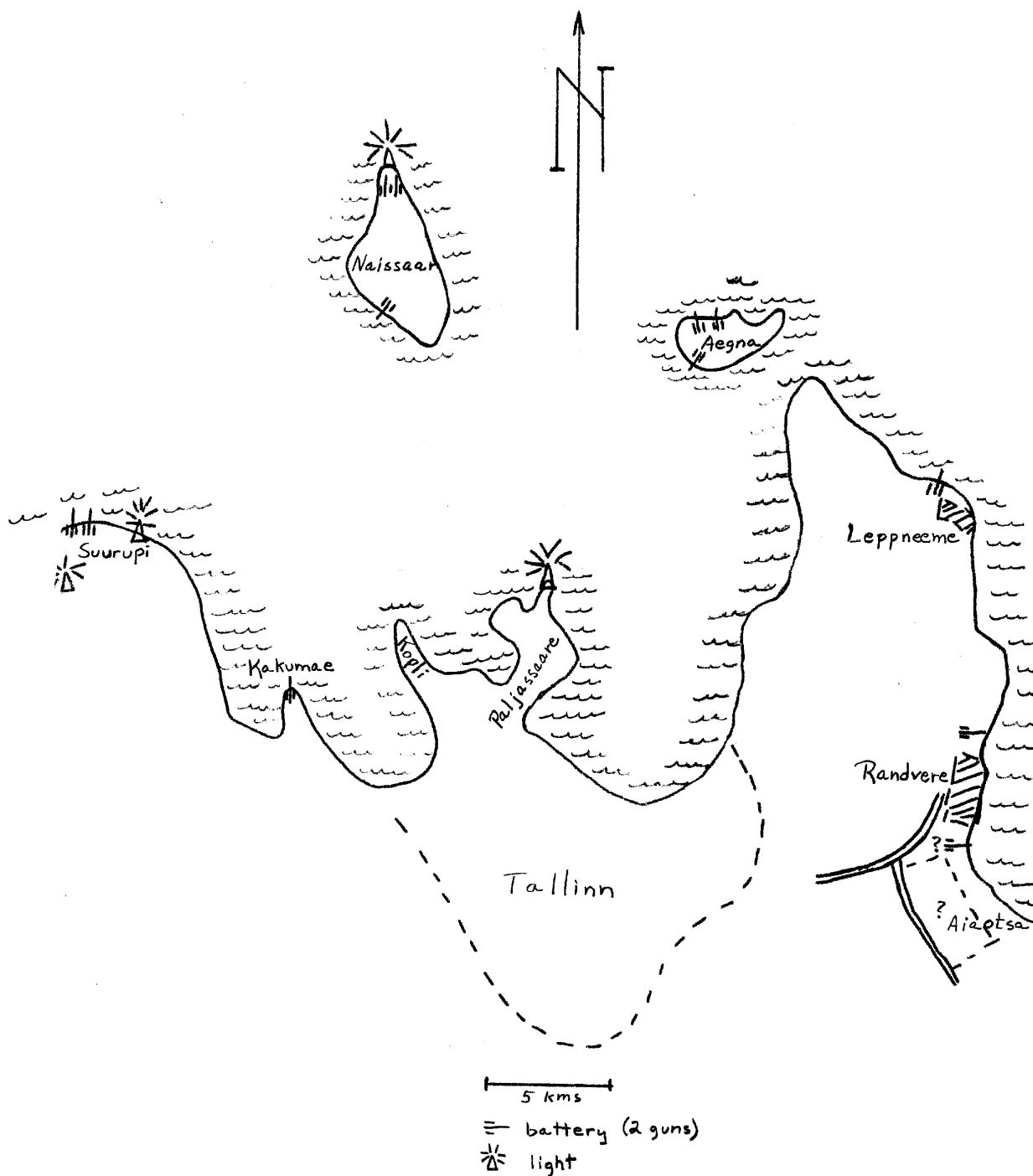
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Attachment C

ATTACHMENT C: COAST DEFENSES IN THE TALLINN AREA



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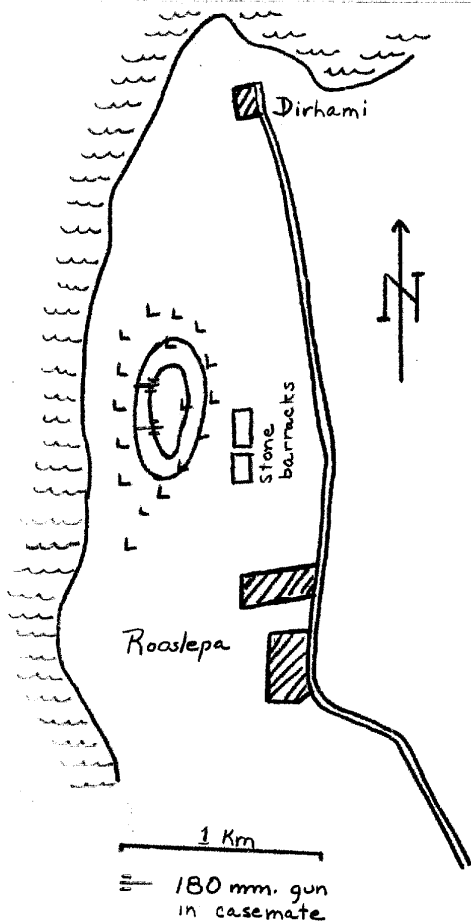
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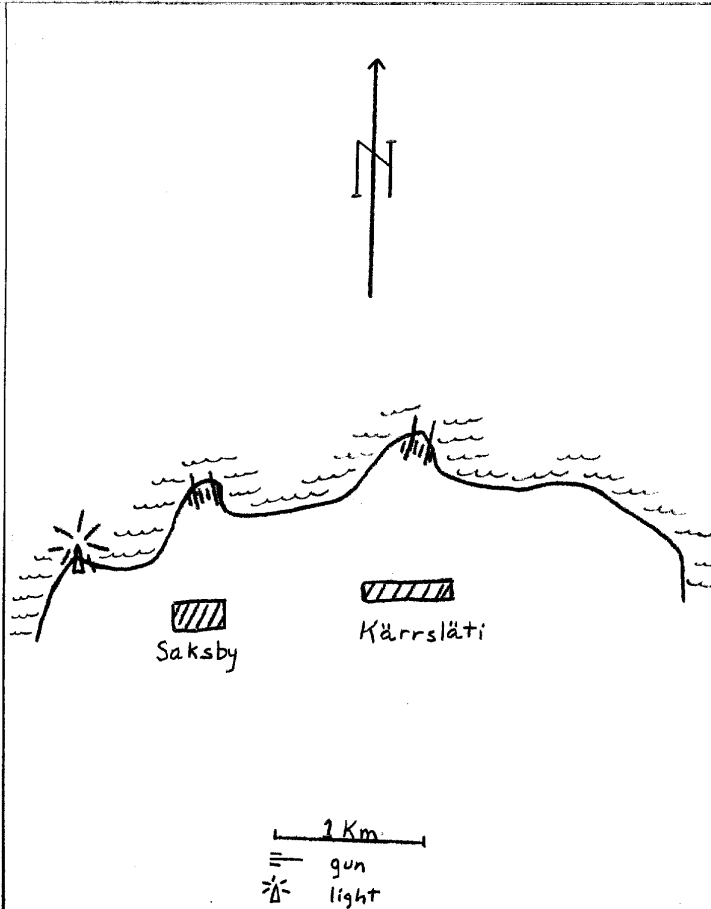
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Attachment D

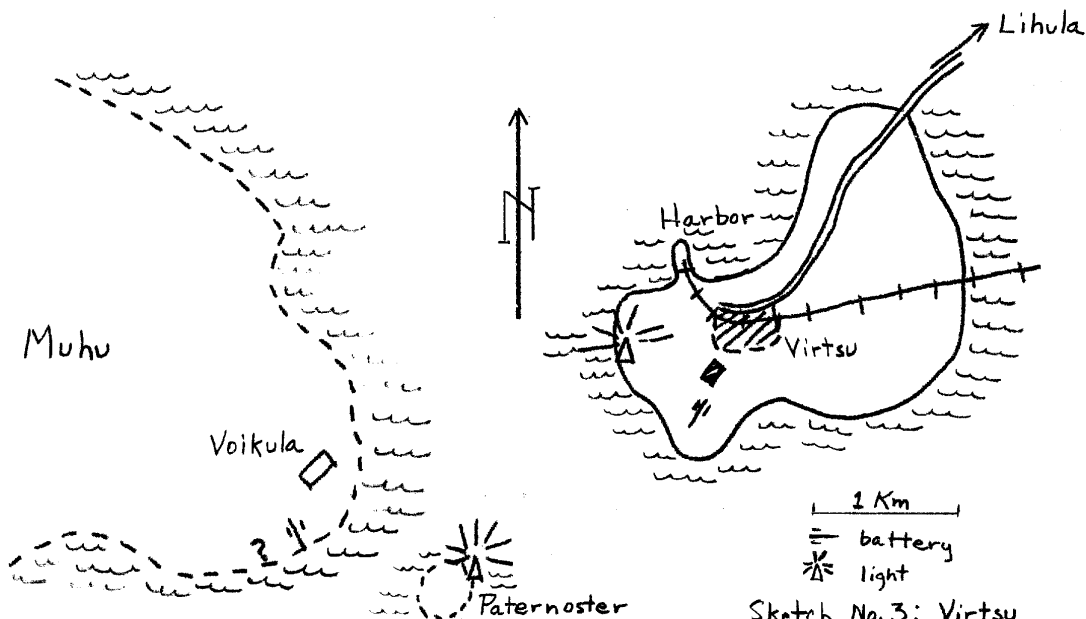
ATTACHMENT D: DEFENSES AT ROOSLEPA, VORMSI, AND VIRTSU



Sketch No. 1: Rooslepa



Sketch No. 2: Vormsi



Sketch No. 3: Virtsu